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1. SENATOR JAVITS INTERESTED.

2. CONSULAR OFFICER HAS BEEN IN DAILY CONTACT WITH
MRS. HAGHANI AND HER LAWYER, DR. AGHAYAN. MRS. HAGHANI HAS
VISITED CONSULATE ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS FOR ADVICE AND FOR ASSISTANCE
IN PREPARING PAPERS REQUESTED BY HER LAWYER FOR PRESENTATION TO THE
IRANIAN AUTHORITIES IN ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN EXIT PERMIT IN VICTOR'S
AMERICAN PASSPORT. VICTOR ISSUED NEW AMERICAN PASSPORT IN TEHRAN
BECAUSE OLD PASSPORT IN POSSESSION OF FATHER. CONSULAR OFFICIALS
ARRANGED APPOINTMENT WITH SENIOR OFFICIAL ALIAN REGISTRATION
BUREAU FOR APPLICATION EXIT PERMIT.

3. PROBLEM OVER EXIT PERMIT HAS RISEN BECAUSE MOOSA HAGHANI IS A
NATURALIZED AMERICAN BORN IN IRAN WHO HAS NEVER UNDERTAKEN COMPLICATE
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PROCESS OF RENOUNCING IRANIAN NATIONALITY. HAGHANI AND SON VICTOR
ARE BOTH CONSIDERED IRANIAN CITIZENS. THEIR AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP IS
NOT ACCEPTED BY IRANIAN GOVERNMENT WHICH DOES NOT RECOGNIZE
DUAL CITIZENSHIP.

4. UNDER IRANIAN LAW, IRANIAN FATHER MUST GIVE PERMISSION FOR WIFE
AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN TO OBTAIN PASSPORT AND EXIT VISA. HAGHANI
HAS REFUSED TO GIVE PERMISSION. VICTOR UNABLE LEAVE ON AMERICAN
PASSPORT BECAUSE OFFICIALS AWARE OF IRANIAN CITIZENSHIP.

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5. CONSULAR OFFICER INTENDS TO TALK WITH VICTOR IN NEAR FUTURE WHEN
SITUATION MORE CALM TO TRY TO DISCERN VICTOR'S PREFERENCES.

6. MRS. HAGHANI AND MRS. HOLLEY DEPARTED FOR U.S. NOV. 9, 1976.
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